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Thirty-seventh Spring Session held with the church at Jones Hill, Stanly County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in May 1921. Also of the Ninetieth Annual or Fall Session held with the church at Philadelphia, Rutherford County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1921.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

PROCEEDINGS, SPRING SESSION 1921

Jones Hill, Stanly County, N. C.

Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1921.

Asembled at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. Praise and prayer by Elder W. C. Edwards, who preached the Introductory Sermon from these words: "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then the ministers and messengers convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills. Elder Edwards resumed his seat and proceeded.

1. Called for the letters from the churches. These were handed in as called and read by brother H. M. Baucom, reading clerk.

2. By motion elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting ministers and messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder C. A. Davis, of Salem, Elder Sam McMillan, of Abbots Creek, Elder W. C. McMillan, of Tennessee and brothers T. H. Bentley and W. A. Bentley, of Silver Creek, present and seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elder J. M. Royal, of Fishers River and brothers Mabe and Henry Tucker and ————Sneed ,of Abbots Creek and brother Tate from Salem and Elder M. L. Riner of Lots Creek in Georgia were present and seated. Also brother H. E. Walser of Abbotts Creek.

5. Appointed on Committee of arrangement the following brethren: P. A. Howard, J. J. Hill and H. M. Baucom together with Moderator and Clerk.

6. That Elders J. M. Royal, C. A. Davis, M. L. Riner and B. L. Treece preach at the Stand tomorrow.

7. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday A. M.

Bendiction by the Moderator.

Preaching Saturday at the Stand in the afternoon by Elders C. A. Davis and M. L. Riner.

SUNDAY, MAY 1.

Service commenced as arranged yesteday. Elder J. M. Royal preached first from these words: "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified," followed by Elder C. A. Davis, who preached from 35th verse of 18th chapter of St. Luke.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then Elder M. L. Riner preached from 6th verse of 5th chapter of Collosians, followed by Elder W. C. McMillan from these words: "Speak that which becometh sound doctrine," and closed by Elder B. L. Treece from this: "The hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God, and they that hear shall live."

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 2.

Reconvened pursuant to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Elder W. C. McMillan.

8. Called on arrangement Committee to report.

Report read and approved.

9. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on our messengers to Sister associations to report. Elder J. F. Mills reported that he and Elder H. M. Williams and brothers Calvin Mills and J. F. Burrus attended Mill Branch and had a good meeting, also they attended Salem in like manner.

11. Called on coresponding messengers present from Sister associations to report. Reports satisfactory. Received and distributed Minutes from Senter Mill Branch, Nolachucks, and Mountain District associations. trict associations.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report, when Elder W. R. Helms reported that he and brother Deacons formed a Presbytery at Running Creek on Saturday before the second Sunday in April 1921 and ordained brother J. D. Huneycutt a Deacon, also Elder Mills reported that he and Elders W. C. Edwards and M. L. Riner formed a Presbytery at Crooked Creek church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April 1921 and ordained brother D. L. Williams a Deacon.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1921.

Bear Creek—Jim Barbee, Jason Eudy, A. J. Furr.
Bethany—Represented by letter.
Concord—J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms, Elder W. R. Helms.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker.
Crooked Creek—D. L. Williams, L. W. Greene*, H. E. Rowell.
Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn, C. R. McLendon.
High Hill—Elder D. S. Jones, C. T. Mills, J. J. Hill.
High Ridge—John Smith, Lonnie Thomas, J. T. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—R. B. Burrus, P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, Crawford Thomas, Sandy Brewer.
Jones Hill—Henry Howard, Walter Greene, Jona Morton.
Liberty—Oscar Broom*, Ed. Privitt*, J. B. Whitley.
Liberty Hill—J. T. Crisco, J. C. Morton*.
Lawyers Springs—J. W. Jones, F. A. Presler, R. L. Horne.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, J. A. Barbee.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, W. R. Morton, J. C. Miller.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, W. A. Helms.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, L. L. Griffin T. A. Helms.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, J. H. Lee.
Philadelphia—Not Represented.
Running Creek—E. M. Hatley, J. H. McClure, W. M. Almond.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, S. W. Outen, F. L. Baucom.
Watson—W. A. Hargett, Troy Simpson, Joel Mullis.

Absentees marked thus (*)

MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION, 1921.

Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, Jason Eudy, J. A. Barbee*
Bethany—Represented by letter.
Concord—J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms*, Henry Hope*.
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, H. M. Greene*, D. A. Simpson.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon*, D. P. Dunn*, C. C. Hall*.
High Hill—J. J. Hill. Elder D. S. Jones, W. M. Clontz.
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, J. P. Rushing, John Smith.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble*, R. B. Burrus*.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, W. A. Helms, H. F. Curlee.
Jones Hill—Henry Howard*, Walter Greene*, Jona Martin*.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor*, Ed. Privitt*, Oscar Broom*.
Lawyers Springs—J. W. Jones, C. B. Edwards, Lee A. Jones.
Meadow Creek—E. F. Huneycutt*, H. A. Williams*, Aaron Barbee*.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller, W. R. Morton.
New Zion—W. A. Helms*, S. M. Underwood*.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, H. B. Godwin, J. M. Williams.
Pleasant Hill—Jonas Taylor, H. P. Cashion*. Sam Rinner*.
Philadelphia—A. J. Taylor, Foster Beam, Julius Beam.
Running Creek—E. M. Hatley, R. F. Almond, J. D. Eury.
Union Grove—J. T. Price, T. F. Hill*, J. D. Hill*.
Watson—Troy Simpson, W. A. Hargett, Joel Mullis*.

Absentees marked thus (*)

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

FALL SESSION, 1921, PROCEEDINGS.

Philadelphia, Rutherford County, N. C.

October 1st, 1921.

Assembled in the grove on the church yard and service commenced at the Stand with singing and prayer by conducted by Elder D. S. Jones.

Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder B. L. Treece from 4th verse of 17th chapter of St. John.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then convened in the church house at 1:30 P. M.

Praise and prayer conducted by Elder J. F. Mills, after which Elder Edwards resumed the chair and proceeded in usual order.

1. The letters from the several churches were called for and read by brother Lee A. Jones, who the Clerk had chosen as assistant and reading Clerk.

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards, Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from Sister associations to seats. The following were present and seated: Elder H. M. Williams, T. H. Bentley, W. A. Bentley and file of Minutes from Silver Creek. Brethren C. B. Owen and D. P. Broadaway and Minutes from Abbotts Creek. (Elder Samuel McMillan came in Sunday evening.)

4. Invited visiting brethren from Sister associations to seats.

5. At this juncture, a letter was presented from the church at Freedom, showing their return to good order, and this church was reinstated as a member of the association and their messenger duly seated in our council.

6. Appointed the following brethren a committee of arrangements: Lee A. Jones, H. F. Curlee and W. M. Clontz, with Moderator and Clerk.

7. Appointed on Finance committee brethren W. A.

Hargett and P. A. Howard.

8. Appointed Elders J. F. Mills, W. C. Edwards, D. S. Jones and B. L. Treece to preach at the Stand Sunday. Service to commence at 10 A. M.

9. It was reported that one of our coresponding associations, the Mountain District, was recognizing and preaching Elder T. M. Standly, who we know to be in disorder and the following brethren were appointed to find the facts of said rumor and report same to our next session.

10. Adjourned to 9 A. M. Monday.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Preaching Service conducted at the Stand Saturday afternoon by Elders J. F. Mills and D. S. Jones.

SUNDAY SERVICE—OCT. 2.

Assembled around the Stand in grove at 10 A. M. Praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Williams. Then Elder J. F. Mills preached from the 20th verse of the 12th chapter of Matthew, followed by Elder W. C. Edwards from the 10th and 11th verses of the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Elder D. S. Jones preached from the 21st. verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke, followed by Elder B. L. Treece, from these words: "The Lord knoweth them that are His."

The Ministers were wonderfully blessed to preach Christ and Him crucified, a whole and complete Savior, and the only name given among men whereby poor sinners could ever be justified and saved. Surely the gospel was preached in power and demonstration of the Spirit and the Saints present built up, strengthened in faith, and edified and we believe this blessed gospel will be loved and the praise of our dear Redeemor shall go on in time and then through the trackless vista or ages of eternity where we hope to sing His praise forevermore.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3.

Convened in the house at 9 A. M. pursuant to adjourn-

ment. Praise and prayer by Elder Sam McMillan.

11. Called for report of arrangement committee.

Report read and approved.

12. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

(Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.)

13. Called on coresponding messengers to Sister associations to report. Reports were satisfactory.

Elder Mills and brother J. F. Burrus attended Abbotts Creek.

14. Called on visiting messengers from Sister associations to report. Report only from Abbotts Creek and Silver Creek by messengers and Minutes.

15. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder D. S. Jones reported that he and Elder Henry Taylor formed a Presbytery on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1921 at Liberty and ordained brother Edmond Privitt a Deacon for that church.

16. That we continue corespondence with Sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, J. F. Burrus, H. F. Curlee and Minutes. To Mill Branch, Elder J. F. Mills, J. F. Burrus, J. J. Hill, Arch Helms and Minutes. To Salem, J. F. Burrus and Minutes. To Mountain District Minutes. To Nolachucky of Tennessee, Minutes.

17. That we advise the members of our Sister churches who have joined Labor Unions, to withdraw from such Unions immediately.

18. That our next Spring Session convenes with the church at Liberty, Union County, N. C. about three miles south of Monroe and commences on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1922 and that Elder J. F. Mills is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder B. L. Treece his alternate, and that the Annual or Fall Session will be held with the church at Crooked Creek, Union County, N. C., about twelve miles north of Monroe and commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1922. Elder W. C. Edwards to preach the In-

troductory Sermon, Elder D. S. Jones, his alternate.

19. That the Clerk have notices of these meetings published.

20. Called on Treasurer to report. Report shows one dollar and fifty five cents due the Clerk from last year.

21. Called on Finance Committee to report. Report shows sent up for Minutes and Associational fund this year the sum of $92.30.

22. Agreed to distribute any surplus fund to Ministers present at Close of meeting. $36.30 was so distributed after dismission.

23. That the Clerk act as Treasurer and also have 1100 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed in our usual manner.

24. That we return thanks to God for His mercy and blessings, and also that we thank this church, kind brethren and sisters for their generous hospitality extended us during this meeting.

25. Adjourn in order, after reading and approving above Minutes, to times and places above mentioned.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Elder Samuel McMillan preached a good and soul cheering sermon at the Stand Monday while the association was in session in the house.

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator

Wingate, N. C.

J. W. JONES, Clerk

Route 2, Peachland, N. C.

NOTES DURING THE MEETING.

Philadelphia church is away off to one side and a considerable distance from the body of our churches, but every church was represented and the meeting was noted for peace, union, and sweet fellowship. Every one seemed to be actuated by the right spirit. Elder Mills, who was our Moderator for nearly thirty years, was present, and his zeal and Godly walk is nothing less than a benediction to all, inspiring peace, love and fellowship. We missed the faces of several familiar brethren, who have crossed over but we find a number of younger brethren coming in and following the foot-steps of the fathers.

The Lord continues to raise up witnesses to heár testimony of His goodness and mercy.

At the homes of the brethren and friends of the community much of the leisure time was spent in singing the old songs and preaching at nearly every place of nights where a Minister was present. This is like it was when the writer can first remember.

The Lord certainly blesses His people in obedience.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1921.

CHURCHES	By Experience and Baptism	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution for Minutes and other expense
Bear Creek	3				1		19	$4.00
Bethany								2.05
Concord		1					17	2.00
Clarks Grove							15	2.00
Crooked Creek							28	5.00
Freedom							5	1.00
Flat Lake	1						10	2.40
High Hill	1	6	1	1		1	34	3.25
High Ridge	1	6	1	2			28	3.25
Howards Chapel			2				26	2.65
Jerusalem							27	6.00
Jones Hill	1	1				1	28	2.00
Liberty	1		1				19	2.50
Liberty Hill			1		1		9	2.00
Lawyers Spring	8	1		4			44	10.00
Meadow Creek			2		8	1	12	3.00
Mountain Creek	1	2	1				13	3.50
New Zion				2			9	2.00
Pleasant Grove	1				1		36	10.00
Pleasant Hill						1	21	2.00
Philadelphia							13	3.20
Running Creek	2					1	22	5.00
Union Grove					1		31	6.75
Watson					1	1	18	4.00
TOTALS	20	11	9	10	13	6	480	92.30

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CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1921.

	Communion Sunday
Bear Creek— J. A. Barbee, Route 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1st August
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, R. A. Wadesboro, N. C.,	3rd August
Concord—M. A. Helms, Chestnut St., Kanapolis, N. C.	1st Sept.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, Route 2, Stanfield, N. C.	2nd July
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, Route 1, Indian Trail, N. C.	3rd July
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, Route 1, Mt. Gilead, N. C.	4th June
High Hill—D. S. Jones, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.,	1st September
High Ridge— J. B. Medlin, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.,	3rd July
Howards Chapel—J. A. Hinson, Aquadale, N. C.,	1st September
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.,	2nd Aug.
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C.	3rd September
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Monroe, N. C.	
Liberty Hill—	4th July
Lawyers Springs—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	1st August
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, R.7, Salisbury, N. C.,	3rd August
Mountain Creek—B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.	4th September
New Zion— W. A. Helms, Route 7, Concord, N. C.	2nd September
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.	2nd July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Route 2, Barber, N. C.	4th June
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C.	4th August
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, Route, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	2nd Aug
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.	2nd Sept.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Route 2, Unionville, N. C.,	4th May

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF ORDAINED MINISTERS, 1921.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece. Albemarle, N. C.
Elder D. S. Jones, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1921.

Sent up by churches this year		$92.30
Owing Clerk from last year		1.55
Available		$90.75
Distributed to Ministers	$36.30	
Allowance to Clerk	10.00	
For printing minutes forms and Postage	48.50	
Total Expense	$94.80	
Deficit	4.05	
	$90.75	$90.75

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st, A Moderator, of Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinanees of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to

be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.